

- 1. A protein derived from an enterically transmitted non-A/non-B viral hepatitis agent whose genome contains a region which is homologous to a coding region of the 1.33 kb DNA EcoRI insert present in plasmid pTZKF1(ET1.1) carried in E. coli strain BB4 and having ATCC deposit no. 67717.
- 2. The protein of claim 1, which is encoded by a complete coding region within said 1.33 kb EcoRI insert.
- 3. A recombinant protein derived from an enterically transmitted nonA/nonB viral hepatitis agent whose genome contains a region which is homologous to a coding region of a DNA molecule having a first sequence (SEQ ID NO.1):

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- A protein which is (a) immunoreactive with antibodies present in individuals infected with 20 enterically transmitted nonA/nonB hepatitis and (b) derived from a viral hepatitis agent whose genome contains a region which is homologous to the 1.33 kb DNA EcoRI insert present in plasmid pTZXFl(ET1.1) carried in E. coli strain BB4, and having ATCC 25 Deposit Nno. 67717.
  - The protein of claim 4, which is encoded by a coding region within said 1.33 kb EcoRI insert.
- 30 A protein which is (a) immunoreactive with antibodies present in individuals infected with enterically transmitted nonA/nonB hepatitis and (b) encoded by genetic sequence 406.3-2 or 406.4-2 or a fragment thereof.
  - A method of detecting infection by enterically transmitted nonA/nonB hepatitis viral agent in a test individual, comprising:
- providing a peptide antigen which is (a) 40 immunoreactive with antibodies present in individuals infected with enterically transmitted nonA/nonB hepatitis and (b) derived from a viral hepatitis agent whose genome contains a region which is homologous to

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the 1.33 kb DNA EcoRI insert present in plasmid pTZKF1(ET1.1) carried in <u>E. coli</u> strain BB4, and having ATCC deposit no. 67717,

reacting serum from the test individual with such antigen, and

examining the antigen for the presence of bound antibody.

- 8. The method of claim 7, wherein the serum antibody is an IgM or IgG antibody, or a mixture of both, the antigen provided is attached to a support, said reacting includes contacting such serum with the support and said examining includes reacting the support and bound serum antibody with a reporter-labeled anti-human antibody.
- 9. A kit for ascertaining the presence of serum antibodies which are diagnostic of enterically transmitted nonA/nonB hepatitis infection, comprising

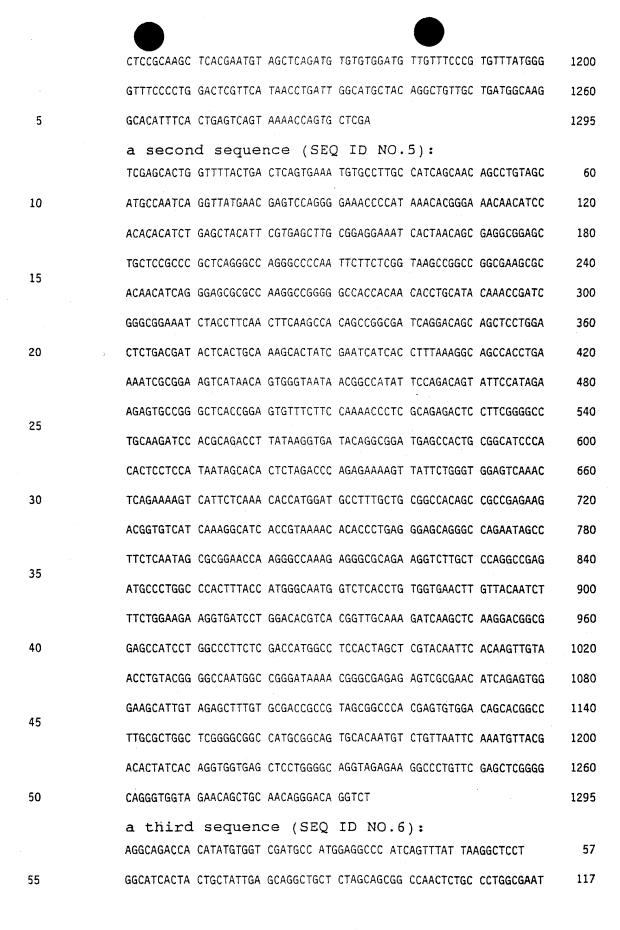
a support with surface-bound recombinant peptide antigen which is (a) immunoreactive with antibodies present in individuals infected with enterically transmitted nonA/nonB viral hepatitis agent and (b) derived from a viral hepatitis agent whose genome contains a region which is homologous to the 1.33 kb DNA EcoRI insert present in plasmid pTZKF1(ET1.1) carried in <u>E. coli</u> strain BB4, and having ATCC deposit no. 67717, and

a reporter-labeled anti-human antibody.

10. A DNA fragment derived from an enterically transmitted nonA/nonB viral hepatitis agent whose genome contains a region which is homologous to the 1.33 kb DNA EcoRI insert present in plasmid pTZKF1(ET1.1) carried in E. coli strain BB4 and having ATCC deposit no. 67717.

- 11. The fragment of claim 10, which is derived from said 1.33 kb EcoRI insert.
- 12. A DNA molecule comprising genetic sequence
  5 406.3-2 or 406.4-2 or a fragment thereof, wherein said
  fragment comprises at least 12 consecutive
  nucleotides.
- 13. A DNA fragment derived from an enterically transmitted nonA/nonB viral hepatitis agent whose genome contains a region which is homologous to a DNA fragment within a first sequence (SEQ ID NO.1):

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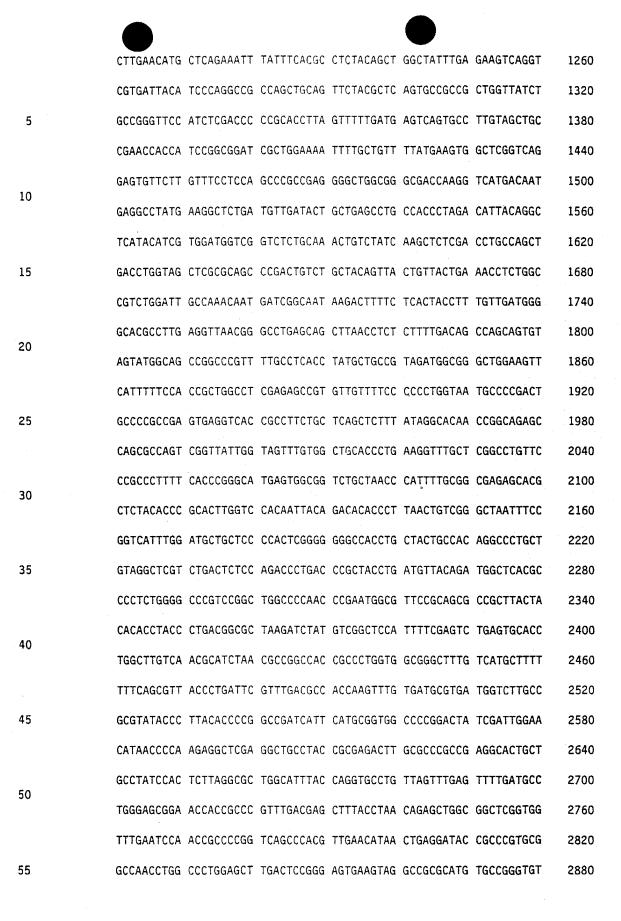
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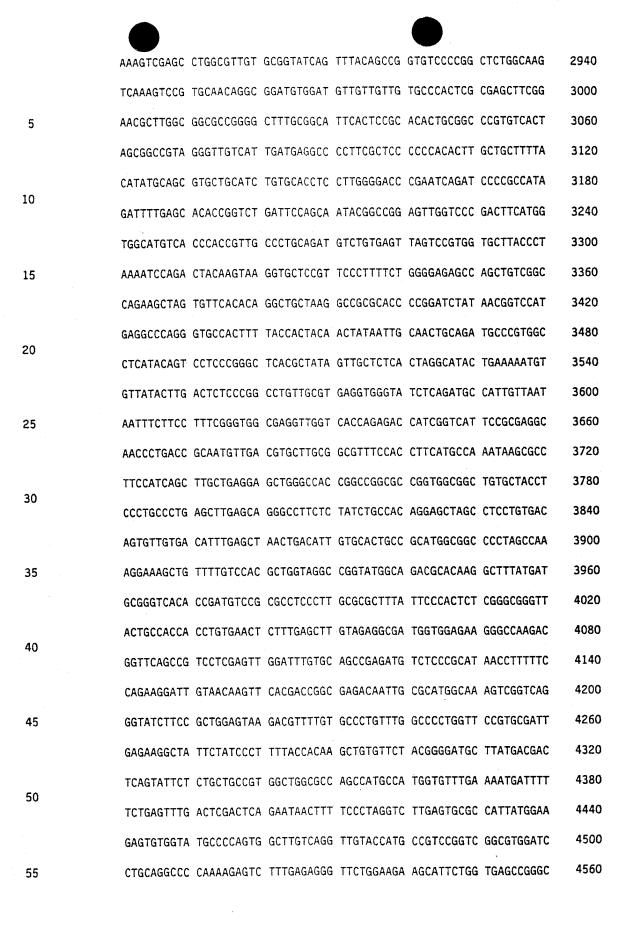
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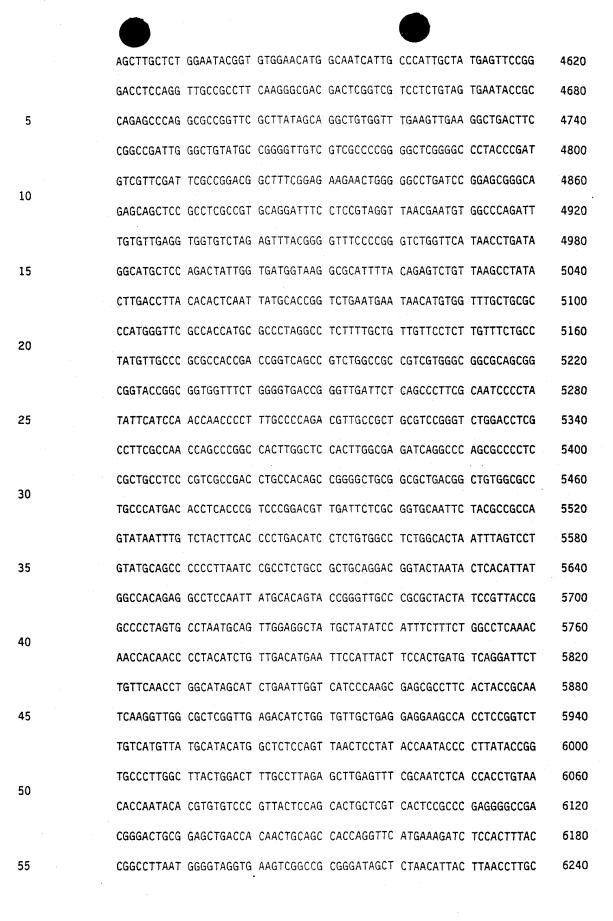
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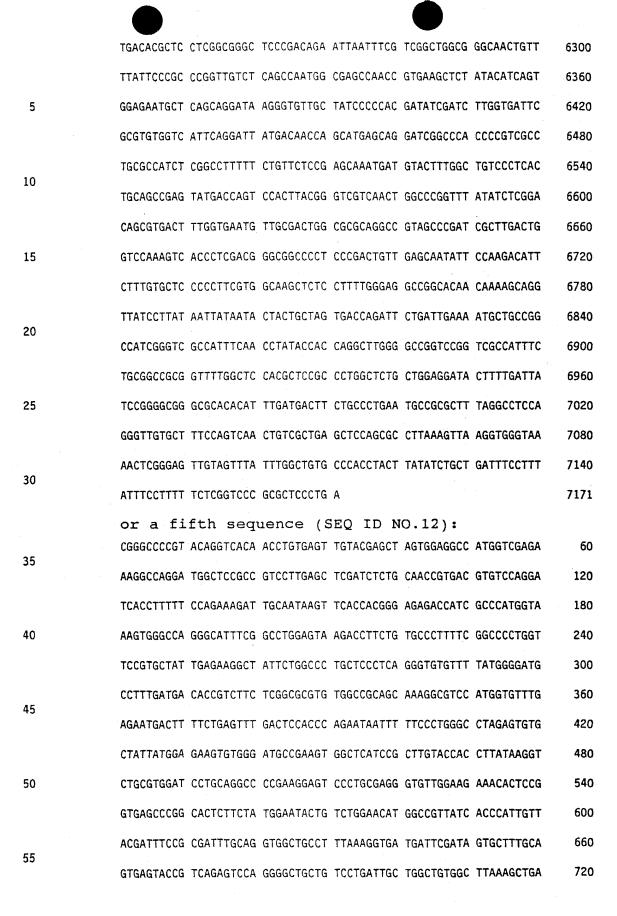
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or a sequence complementary thereto.

- 14. A kit comprising, in a container or separate containers, a pair of single-strand primers derived from nonhomologous regions of opposite strands of a DNA duplex fragment derived from an enterically transmitted viral hepatitis agent whose genome

  15 contains a region which is homologous to the 1.33 kb DNA EcoRI insert present in plasmid pTZKF1(ET1.1) carried in E. coli strain BB4 and having ATCC deposit no. 67717.
- 20 15. The kit of claim 15, which are derived from opposite strands of the EcoRI duplex insert in said plasmid.
  - 16. A method for detecting the presence of an enterically transmitted nonA/nonB hepatitis viral agent in a biological sample, comprising

preparing a mixture of duplex DNA fragments derived from the sample,

denaturing the duplex fragments,

adding to the denatured DNA fragments, a pair of single-strand primers derived from nonhomologous regions of opposite strands of a DNA duplex fragment derived from an enterically transmitted viral hepatitis agent whose genome contains a region which is homologous to the 1.33 kb DNA EcoRI insert present in plasmid pTZKF1(ET1.1) carried in <u>E. coli</u> strain BB4, and having ATCC deposit no. 67717,

hybridizing said primers to homologous-sequence region of opposite strands of such duplex DNA

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fragments derived from enterically transmitted nonA/nonB hepatitis agent,

reacting the primed fragment strands with DNA polymerase in the presence of DNA nucleotides, to form new DNA duplexes containing the primer sequences, and

repeating said denaturing, adding, hybridizing and reacting steps, until a desired degree of amplification of sequences is achieved.

- 17. The method of claim 16, wherein the primers are derived from opposite strands of the EcoRI duplex insert in said plasmid.
  - 18. The method of claim 16, for detecting the presence of viral agent in a sample of cultured cells infected with the agent.
  - 19. A vaccine for immunizing an individual against enterically transmitted nonA/nonB hepatitis viral agent comprising, in a pharmacologically acceptable adjuvant, a recombinant protein derived from an enterically transmitted nonA/nonB viral hepatitis agent whose genome contains a region which is homologous to the 1.33 kb DNA EcoRI insert present in plasmid pTZ-RF1(ET1.1) carried in <u>E. coli</u> strain BB4, and having ATCC deposit no. 67717.
  - 20. The vaccine of claim 19, wherein the protein is derived from the EcoRI insert in said plasmid.
  - 21. A vaccine for immunizing an individual against HEV comprising, in a pharmacologically acceptable adjuvant, a protein encoded by genetic sequence 406.3-2 or 406.4-2 or a fragment thereof.
  - 22. In a method of isolating an enterically transmitted nonA/nonB viral agent or a nucleic acid fragment produced by the agent, an improvement which

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comprises: utilizing, as a source of said agent, bile obtained from a human or cynomolgus monkey having an active infection of enterically transmitted non-A/non-B hepatitis.

- 23. The method of claim 22, wherein the bile is obtained from an infected cynomolgus monkey.
- 24. Human polyclonal anti-serum obtained from a human immunized with a protein derived form an enterically transmitted non-A/non-B viral hepatitis agent whose genome contains a region which is homologous to the 1.33 kb DNA EcoRI insert present in plasmid pTZKF1(ET1.1) carried in E. coli strain BB4 and having ATCC deposit no. 67717.